

REMARKS

The instant Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance dated December 1, 2010 in the instant application. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to implement a minor change to certain language in independent claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, examination of the amended claim set is respectfully requested and allowance of all pending claims in their current form are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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